

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA



THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**Time:** 7.15pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber, Causeway House, Braintree CM7 9HB

## Membership:

Councillor P R Barlow	Councillor F Ricci
Councillor C A Cadman	Councillor W J Rose
Councillor Dr R L Evans (Chairman)	Councillor A F Shelton
Councillor P Horner	Councillor J S Sutton
Councillor S A Howell	Councillor J R Swift
Councillor R P Ramage	

**Members are requested to attend this meeting, to transact the following business:-**

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

**2. Member Declarations.**

- (i). To declare the existence and nature of any interests relating to items on the agenda having regard to the Code of Conduct for Members and having taken appropriate advice (where necessary) before the meeting.
- (ii). To declare the existence and nature of any instruction given by or on behalf of a political group to any Councillor who is a member of that group as to how that Councillor shall speak or vote on any matter before the Committee or the application or threat to apply any sanction by the group in respect of that Councillor should he/she speak or vote on any particular matter.

**3. Question Time.** (See paragraph below).

**4. Minutes.** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (copy previously circulated).

**5. Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Report on Transport and Access to Health Services across the District.** To receive the attached report (page 4).

6. **Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Annual Work Programme 2012-13 – Scrutiny of the Braintree District Community Safety Partnership.** Report to follow.
7. **Decision Planner.** To consider the Decision Planner for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013 (copy previously circulated).
8. **Urgent Business.** To consider any matter which, in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.
9. To agree the exclusion of the public and press for the consideration of any items for the reasons set out in Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

*At the time of compiling the agenda there were none.*

10. **Urgent Business.** To consider any matter which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in private by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

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Member Services Manager

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### **Question Time**

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Members of the public can remain to observe the whole of the public part of the meeting.

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<b>Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Report on Transport and Access to Health Services across the District</b>		<b>Agenda No: 5</b>
<b>Corporate Priority:</b> Public Services; Supporting Vulnerable People; Safe and Healthy Living <b>Report presented by:</b> Councillor Dr R Evans, Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee. <b>Report prepared by:</b> Alastair Peace, Member Services Manager		
<b>Background Papers:</b>		<b>Public Report</b>
<b>Options:</b>		<b>Key Decision: No</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>  At its meeting on 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2012, Cabinet responded to the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Report on Transport and Access to Health Services across the District.  Committee members are invited to note Cabinet's response.  <u><b>Minute Extract, Cabinet, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012</b></u>  29. <u><b>CABINET RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON TRANSPORT AND ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES ACROSS THE DISTRICT</b></u>  <b>INFORMATION:</b> It was agreed that a progress report on taking forward the recommendations in the report would be taken to a Cabinet meeting around March 2013. An earlier report could also be present if there were development that might be reported.  <b>DECISION:</b> That the response to the scrutiny review be approved and that powers be delegated to the Corporate Director to take forward the actions outlined to the Corporate Director to take forward.  <b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> To consider and respond to the recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.		
<b>Decision:</b>  Members are invited to note Cabinet's response.		

**Purpose of Decision:** To note Cabinet's response to the recommendations from the Committee's Report on Transport and Access to Health Services across the District.

### Corporate Implications

<b>Financial:</b>	None
<b>Legal:</b>	None
<b>Equalities/Diversity</b>	The services outlined in this report provide important support to vulnerable groups in order to access health services and addressing health inequalities across the district.
<b>Customer Impact:</b>	Access to health services has a significant impact on customers and the Council's services such as Community Transport play a vital role in providing good access.
<b>Environment and Climate Change:</b>	None
<b>Consultation/Community Engagement:</b>	Health partners have been consulted.
<b>Risks:</b>	Not applicable
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16 July 2012



<b>Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Report on Transport and Access to Health Services across the District</b>		<b>Agenda No: 9a</b>
<b>Corporate Priority:</b> Public Services; Supporting Vulnerable People; Safe and Healthy Living <b>Portfolio Area:</b> Partnerships <b>Report presented by:</b> Cllr David Bebb <b>Report prepared by:</b> Cllr David Bebb		
<b>Background Papers:</b>  Overview & Scrutiny Committee Report, Cabinet 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2012		<b>Public Report</b>
<b>Options:</b>  To support or not the proposed response.		<b>Key Decision: No</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>  <b>Overview</b>  <p>Cabinet thanks the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee for its considered and timely report on Transport &amp; Access to Health Services across the District. It is indeed opportune in relation to significant changes afoot within the NHS. This, of course arises from the newly passed Health and Social Care Bill establishing the National Commissioning Board, setting up Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), the main decision making group for the commissioning of health services locally, Public Health transferring to local authorities, and setting up of Health and Wellbeing Boards, bringing various bodies together.</p> <p>Nationally, the NHS is required to find efficiencies of £20 billion over the next 5 years. This equates in Mid Essex to efficiencies of around £114 million needing to be found. As part of measures to achieve the required efficiencies, local PCTs are being restructured including the merger of the West Essex, Mid Essex and North East Essex PCTs leading to the formation of NHS North Essex.</p>		
<b>Response to specific recommendations</b>		

Recommendations 1 and 2 from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee :

1. *The Council encourages NHS Mid Essex PCT (now CCG) to commission or otherwise develop the provision of out-patient services in Witham possibly using the Oncology Services that has been in place at Douglas Grove Surgery, Witham, as a model.*
2. *The Council works in partnership with NHS Mid Essex to develop the provision of further GP – led community based patient services in Witham such as minor surgery and diagnostics, and that the Council reviews its available land in Witham with a view to identifying a site for the possible provision of those services.*

Recommendations 1 and 2, are indeed financially challenging to set up in terms of the required NHS savings, but on the other hand could well fit into the proposed new policy of embracing smart ways of working by minimising hospital admissions and greater emphasis on accessing local health facilities. We have forwarded copies of the O & S Report to both the Chairman of the Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and also to the Chairman of NHS North Essex.

The Chairman of the Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Board (CCB) responds:

“Response to Recommendation 1: Whenever it is clinically appropriate and cost effective the CCG will consider the commissioning of services in community settings, particularly in centres of population and where population growth is anticipated.”

“Response to Recommendation 2: As a CCG we will encourage growth of primary care based services; under the new configuration of health service structure, the National Commissioning Board Local Office will be responsible for the development of healthcare premises, however we will work closely with them on the planning of future premises to maximise local opportunities”

The CCB Chairman also comments: “ ... this is a transitional year between the PCT and CCG and we do need to spend time making sure that we work effectively with partner organisations to get the best outcomes for our population.”

Cabinet supports these comments made by the Chairman of the CCB.

Recommendations 3, 4 and 5 from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

3. *The Council reviews how it might further promote the availability of the Community Transport Service.*
4. *The Council encourages Essex County Council and Essex PCTs in their efforts to review the proposed provision of an Essex wide Health and Adult Social Care Transport and One Stop Call Centre Services with the aim of finding a suitable cost effective way of providing the service.*
5. *Essex County Council explores the expansion of the Hospital Hopper Service to include more areas in the North of the district to include transport to Colchester General Hospital and also considers, together with Suffolk County Council the expansion of Hopper Routes to West Suffolk General Hospital and to Broomfield Hospital for Witham and the immediate catchment area.*

Cabinet supports the recommendations relating to further promotion of our excellent

Community Transport Service and to encourage Essex County Council (ECC) & Essex PCTS in their efforts to reattempt to provide an Essex wide Health and Adult Social Care Transport service.

Cabinet also encourages ECC to explore the extension of the Hospital Hopper Service in more areas in the North of the District, although it is acknowledged that this will require additional funds.

*Recommendations 6 and 7 from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee*

- 6. The Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group be supported in its proposals to increase the delivery of more health services locally in the district including chiropodist, orthotics and podiatrist services.*
- 7. NHS Mid Essex PCT been encouraged to develop their proposed “Care Home Dashboard” to provide information on care home use of hospital services with the potential to assist in moving towards more efficient use of hospital services by care homes and in turn, allow more home residents to avoid hospital visits and remain in familiar surroundings.*

Cabinet will be pleased to further encourage the Mid Essex CCG in its proposals to increase more local delivery of services such as chiropodist, orthotics and podiatrist services, as well as encouraging better utilisation of hospital beds working more dynamically with care homes.

*Recommendation 8 from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee*

- 8. The Committee recognises the value of Village Agents in identifying and supporting those vulnerable people in their communities and therefore recommends that Essex County Council be encouraged to continue the Village Agent service.*

Finally, Cabinet encourages ECC to review the impact of the Village Agents scheme and if value is demonstrated, Cabinet encourages ECC to continue its support for this scheme.

**Decision:**

Cabinet approves this response and delegates the actions outlined to the Corporate Director to take forward.

**Purpose of Decision:**

To consider and respond to the recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.



<b>Corporate implications</b>	
<b>Financial:</b>	None
<b>Legal:</b>	None
<b>Equalities/Diversity</b>	The services outlined in this report provide important support to vulnerable groups in order to access health services and addressing health inequalities across the district.
<b>Customer Impact:</b>	Access to health services has a significant impact on customers and BDC's services such as community transport, play a vital role in providing good access.
<b>Environment and Climate Change:</b>	None
<b>Consultation/Community Engagement:</b>	Health partners have been consulted.
<b>Risks:</b>	Not applicable
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